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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 8-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1 – 5 and 8 - 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being disclosed by Zilberstein et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,606,657) (System and Method for Processing and Presenting Internet Usage Information).

2.1 Regarding claim 1, Zilberstein discloses a method of providing information related to activity of a user comprising:

sending a first view request to a first electronic site that is substantially controlled or owned by a first entity (Abstract);

receiving a first view from the first electronic site, wherein the first view substantially corresponds to the first view request (Abstract); and

sending first information related to the first view request to a second entity that is different from the first entity (Abstract).

2.2 Per claim 2, Zilberstein teaches

sending a second view request to a second electronic site that is substantially owned or controlled by a third entity (Abstract; col. 2, lines 57 - 65);

receiving a second view from the second electronic site, wherein the second view substantially corresponds to the second view request (Abstract; col. 2, lines 57 - 65);
and

not sending second information related to the second view request to anyone ("demographic information" (Abstract)).

2.3 Regarding claim 3, Zilberstein discloses that the second entity is not an Internet service provider (col. 13, lines 21 - 27).

2.4 Per claim 4, Zilberstein teaches that the first information includes site information related to the first view request, an identifier related to a user, and temporal information related to the first view request (Abstract; col. 2, lines 57 - 65).

2.5 Regarding claim 5, Zilberstein discloses the acts of sending the first view request, receiving the first view, and sending the first information are performed by the user (Abstract; col. 2, lines 57 - 65).

2.6 Regarding claim 8, Zilberstein discloses accessing at least some of the first information from the second entity, wherein accessing is performed by the user (Abstract; col. 2, lines 57 - 65).

2.7 Per claims 9 – 22, the rejection of claims 1 – 5 and 8 under 35 USC 102(e) (paragraphs 2.1 – 2.6 above) applies fully.

Allowable Subject Matter


3. Claims 6 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth R Coulter whose telephone number is 703 305-8447. The examiner can normally be reached on 5 4 9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharja can be reached on 703 305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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